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BOOK REVIEWS.

THE EXPANSION OF THE COMMON LAW. By Sir Frederick Pollock, Bart., D. C. L., Hon. LL. D., Barrister-at-Law, Corresponding Member of the Institute of France; late Corpus Professor of Jurisprudence, Oxford; Past Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge; author of "Principles of Contract," "The Law of Torts," &c. &c. Little, Brown & Co., Boston: 1904. \$2.50 net.

The distinguished author treats his subject under the following heads: The Vocation of the Common Law. The Expansion of the Common Law. I. The Foundation of Justice; II. The Scales of Justice; III. The Sword of Justice; IV. The Law of Reason. A. The Law of Nature and Nations; B. Natural Justice in the Common Law. *Appendix:* English Law before the Norman Conquest.

This is a most learned discussion by perhaps the most learned legal scholar of the age. The student who wishes to go to the very foundation of things would do well to read the work with care.

CYCLOPEDIA OF LAW AND PROCEDURE. William Mack, Editor-in-Chief. Vol. XV. The American Law Book Company. New York: 1905.

Another volume of this monumental work has appeared. The great utility of having treated under one article matters of substantive law and of practice is becoming more and more apparent as the range of subjects dealt with in this work becomes wider and wider. Among the subjects treated in Vol. 15 are: Ejectment, Election of Remedies, Elections, Electricity, Embezzlement, Embracery, Eminent Domain, Employers' Liability Insurance, and Writs of Entry.

JURISDICTION AND PROCEDURE OF THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES. —By Hannis Taylor, LL.D., (Edin. and Dub.), author of "The Origin and Growth of the English Constitution," and of "International Public Law," Professor of the Constitutional and International Law in the George Washington University. The Lawyers' Co-Operative Publishing Company, Rochester, N. Y. 1905.

This work will at once be generally accepted as the authority on the subject of which it treats. Aside from the practical assistance it will render a practitioner in the Supreme Court of the United States, its most interesting feature is that part of the work devoted to an outline of leading cases from the organization of the court down to the present time. Here the reader may get within the compass of sixty-five pages a short and concise statement of the principles involved in all of the celebrated leading cases from *Marbury v. Madison* down to *Northern Securities* case. The author then discusses the genesis of the Supreme Court, which he declares has no prototype in history. The subject is then divided and discussed under six general heads as follows: Original Jurisdiction, Appellate Jurisdiction Over Ordinary Federal Courts, Appellate Jurisdiction Over Special Federal Courts, Appellate Jurisdiction Over State Courts, the Great Writs and Procedure in the Supreme Court. To the work are appended the rules of the Supreme Court and practical forms for use in that tribunal.

THE LION'S SKIN. A historical novel and a novel history. By John S. Wise, author of "The End of An Era," "Diomed," etc. Doubleday, Page & Company, New York. 1905.

The scene is laid almost entirely in Richmond, Va. It renews our acquaintances with historic places and gives us insight into historic families and personages. It gives us vivid pictures of Reconstruction days, and tells us about political affairs for several years after government had passed into the hands of Virginians. Whether the account is always impartial the reader must judge. For the period covered, the history is largely autobiographical. One can not resist the conclusion that the purpose of the book is to vindicate the author's political course and his relations with former friends and associates. Virginians will read the book with peculiar interest.